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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 900,000 head as of May 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 4 percent below May 1, 2014 inventory but 1 percent above the previous month's inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 120,000 head of fed cattle during April 2015. This was 14 percent below the previous month's marketings, and 8 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 145,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 3 percent below the previous month's placements, but up 12 percent from April 2014 placements. Of the number placed in April, 17 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 41 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 15,000 head, was 5,000 head above last month and last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.48 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 240,000, 700-799 pounds were 348,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million, 8 percent below 2014. April marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during April, 20 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the May 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.